

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 100

By Sparks

A RESOLUTION to honor Robert “Bud” Raikes upon his induction into the Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association Hall of Fame.

WHEREAS, this General Assembly is pleased to specially honor and commend those citizens who, through their unwavering dedication and unflagging commitment to excellence, have distinguished themselves as leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy person is Robert “Bud” Raikes, who has devoted more than fifty years to the education and instruction of high school students and athletes; on April 9, 2011, Mr. Raikes will be inducted into the Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association (TSSAA) Hall of Fame, a most befitting recognition of his outstanding service to Tennessee high school athletics; and

WHEREAS, Bud Raikes is known as a legend at Smyrna High School, and the school’s football stadium is named in his honor; and

WHEREAS, he has lived in Smyrna for all but five years of his life and was a student-athlete when he attended Smyrna High School; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Raikes served as the school’s football coach in the 1960s and also coached the boys basketball team, and he is now serving his thirty-seventh year as the principal of Smyrna High School and his fifty-second year overall as an educator at the school; and

WHEREAS, during his outstanding tenure as principal, Smyrna High School has won a girls basketball championship (1982), two state football titles (2006 and 2007), and four boys bowling championships (2005, 2006, 2009, and 2011); and

WHEREAS, a man of true character and commitment, Mr. Raikes has continuously served as a mentor to students, touching the lives of innumerable young people by sharing life

lessons, devoting his heart and soul to their successes, and guiding them with solid principles and high standards in every aspect of their lives; and

WHEREAS, Bud Raikes exemplifies the type of selfless community servant and civic leader whom fellow Tennesseans admire for their tireless efforts in molding the State's youth; his positive impact on the lives of students, athletes, coaches, and administrators will continue to resound in Tennessee for many years to come; and

WHEREAS, it is most fitting that this General Assembly pause in its deliberations to recognize this outstanding gentlemen for his lifetime of achievements which have so deservedly earned him a place in the TSSAA Hall of Fame; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby join with the family, friends, and colleagues of Robert "Bud" Raikes in congratulating him upon his induction into the Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association Hall of Fame, honor and commend Mr. Raikes for his substantial legacy as a coach, educator, and administrator, and offer our sincere thanks for the dedication which he has shown our State.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.